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August 2023 Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR

One More Drop!

There was once a strong man who traveled with a circus. One of his most impressive stunts was to take an orange and squeeze every last drop of juice out of it. Then, he would offer five thousand dollars to anyone who could manage to squeeze as much as one additional drop from the orange. He went from town to town making his offer, but no one was able to win the five thousand dollars from him.



One day, he came to a small town in Wisconsin and made his demonstration of juice-squeezing prowess and his challenge. A small, wizened, 115 pound man made his way forward through the crowd, and said he'd like to take a try at the challenge. He took the crushed orange and proceeded to squeeze - not just one - but SIX more drops of juice from it. The strong man was amazed and could hardly believe his eyes. He asked the small man how he could possibly do this? The man shrugged and said, "Oh...I'm the financial guy down at the Lutheran Church, and we have to do this all the time!"

This is the time of year when, traditionally, we show a significant deficit in our General Fund giving. This year seems to be no different. I make it a point NOT to speak of money often - although Jesus Himself was very comfortable with the subject. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of 10 verses deal directly with the subject of money! The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith - but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions and their dangers and proper use! I would simply remind you that the mission of this congregation - Christ's Church - our Mission and Ministry is hindered when we are behind in our budget.

Please remember to get pledges up to date as Summer winds down. And if you haven't pledged for this year, please consider giving a portion of your income to the work of the church every week or every month. As a Professor mine at Seminary used to say, "A Church Budget is a theological document. It indicates who or what we worship."

Have a great August. See you in Church!

Peace and Love, Pastor John

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Church Office hours

Mon.-Thurs.
8am-4pm
Fri. 8-12

Worship

8:30
Contemporary

11:00
Traditional



Kimball Ice Cream Social
Northwest Swim Club Sunday
August 6th from 1-5pm

Our annual Summertime Ice Cream Social will be held this year on Sunday, August 6th at Northwest Swim and Racquet Club. Come anytime between 1:00 and 5:00 for swimming and fellowship (There are some shady areas!) Bring a lawn chair to sit and visit a while! We'll have the Sweetest Thing Ice Cream Truck from 2:00 - 4:00, with ice cream cups & cones, milkshakes, and floats available. Please register by using an insert in the bulletin, going to our website or Facebook Page, or by calling the Church Office. The Church is paying the cost for all the swimming and ice cream for this event. We do hope that you'll join us!

Honoring our Neighbor's Faith in the
Joe Gribble Sunday School Class

Adults are ALWAYS welcome in the Joe Gribble Sunday School Class - which meets each Sunday in the large classroom right near the covered exit from the Educational Building. But during the 4 Sundays of August and on Labor Day Sunday, we issue a special invitation to members/friends as we'll welcome guests who will teach a lesson about their Christian Church. We're calling it "Honoring our Neighbor's Faith", and each Sunday we'll learn more about a neighboring church in our community: their teachings and beliefs, style of worship, and characteristics - what makes this denomination special. Here's a listing of our schedule. Each class begins at 9:45...and we hope each week will include time for questions. We do hope you'll join us!



- **August 6th - The Presbyterian Church**, taught by the Rev. Eddie Spencer - Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Kannapolis
- **August 13th - United Methodist Church**, taught by the Rev. Nancy Rankin - District Superintendent of the Western North Carolina Conference
- **August 20th - The Lutheran Church**, taught by...well, we'll find SOMEBODY to teach this class!
- **August 27th - The Baptist Church**, taught by the Rev. Tom Cabiness, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Kannapolis
- **September 3rd - The Episcopal Church**, taught by Father Jim Bernacki, a Priest of All Saints Episcopal Church in Concord

HS Mission Trip July 20-July
29th.



Follow our HS Mission Trip on our Facebook page as we venture to Cincinnati then to Huntington, WV. We will post each day and look forward to sharing our trip with our congregation! Our Theme is "Forged in Faith" and we are excited to finally get the chance to do this mission trip after 3 years! Follow Us on Facebook!!

Lutheridge Luther Road Day Camp July
31-August 4th

We are excited to be hosting Luther Road Day camp this year, as we were contacted by Agape late spring to cancel all day camps for this summer due to staffing shortages. Deacon Liz was able to contact Lutheridge and get a team for the same dates July 31st-August 4th and the cost is \$100 for the week. We are excited to host counselors from Lutheridge this summer!!

We will meet Monday-Thursday 9-3pm & Friday 9-12noon. We will host cabin groups for MS Youth through Preschool Age students.

- **Middle School Day Camp** will include fun camp activities, games & service projects in our community.
- **Kingdom Kids and 3-5th Grades Day Camp** will include camp activities, games, nature times and small group time.
- **Preschool Day Camp** will run along side our other day camps for ages 2-rising Kindergarten students. (this group has the option to come from 9-12 or from 9-3pm.

Registration IS open. Look for it in your inbox and register directly online. Super excited to host Lutheridge this summer!!

Luther Road Volunteers Needed

- Snack Helpers for afternoon snacks, High School helpers needed too!!



Leg·a·cy-- [ˈlegəsē] (*noun*):
Something that is handed down or remains from one generation to the next; a heritage; a tradition.

Meet Rita. Rita is a willow-thin “80’s-ish” year-old with an effervescent smile and ice blue eyes that twinkle over the rim of her coffee mug. Over a morning Zoom call she tells me her story. She’s had a good life. Was married to a good man, but she’s a widow now. She has one grown son: he’s single, has no children, and is doing better financially than she could have ever hoped. On screen, she sweeps a delicate hand at the scene behind her: a wide bay window overlooking a sparkling body of water in her home in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

She says, “At my age I don’t need this big of a house, and my son surely doesn’t need it either. The way I see it, God gave it to me and my husband to take care of our family. So the least I could do is give it back to God.”

We talk about Rita’s wishes. Her church means a lot to her. It was there for her when her husband died, and she wants to ensure its ministries continue long after she’s gone. While she has always had the church on her “list”, the pandemic has brought other agencies and needs to mind. She’s thinking about local camps, about her library where she volunteered for years, about scholarship funds. Maybe something named for her husband that will be there for years to come. Rita is not just thinking about her assets, she is planning how her faith story continues long after her lifetime. ***Rita is planning her legacy.***

As the definition at the top shows, our legacy is not simply defined by our will or trust, by some legalese and numbers printed on a page. It is the story of our values and passions and most sacred pursuits. It is the final and ultimate sharing of our life story, our *faith* story.

Have you given any thought to your legacy? What your story will tell? Have you given your plan any consideration, or will you simply leave your legacy to chance? Unfortunately, most of us spend more time planning our next vacation than we do crafting (and/or reviewing) our Legacy Plan.

In my work as Regional Gift Planner, I get to talk with people all over the Carolinas like Rita. I get to hear their stories and link arms with them in shaping a plan that protects their loved ones AND ensures the work of the ministries and organizations they care about most continue. I also get to work with congregations and other agencies to make sure they have a clear, intentional plan in place when Rita’s legacy gift (and others like hers) come their way. And right now, as the global pandemic brings our priorities and values into razor sharp relief, there is no better time for individuals and organizations to have this conversation.

It takes a lifetime to build a legacy. It only takes a conversation to aim it into the future. When you’re ready to take aim on your plan, please give me a call. I’d love to talk.

Stephanie Burke is the ELCA Foundation’s Regional Gift Planner for North and South Carolina. Her services are available at no charge to those interested in leaving legacy gifts to local congregations, ministries of the ELCA, and other charitable causes. She can be reached at 704-293-9436 or stephanie.burke@elca.org.



Our TUESDAY MORNING Book Club will gather in the Church Parlor on August 29th at 10:00 am. We would welcome anyone interested to join us.

The book selection will be FLASH by Rachel Ridge. The author shares about a homeless donkey that taught her about life, faith and second chances. Our newest member recommended it and we are looking forward to a great time of sharing and discussion.

Tuesday Night Book Club
Date: September 5th 6:30pm
Host :Susie Kerns
Book: *The Light Between Oceans*
By: M.L. Stedman

August Anniversaries

8	Eric & Cheryl (V) Dearmon	15
11	Jim & Susan Harris	49
13	Joe & Pat Tallent	40
14	Prebble Henrickson & Ed MacTaggart	2
21	Danny & Susan (V) Sloop	22

August Birthdays

1	Christa Graff
2	Charles Sawyer, Joseph Butcher, Jeff Honeycutt
3	Brennen Tedder
5	Elijah Hunsuck (V), Jean Cauthen, Gabriel Waters, Lisa Schmitt
6	Pallas Alexander
7	Amy Black, Anna Lamberth
10	Landon Ridgell
13	Shelley Farris, Anna Clark, Florence Calandra
14	Mike Abernathy
15	Liza Lee
16	Gaye St. John
17	Lisa Dunlow
18	Addison Perkins, Kay Cress
19	Betty Ritchie
20	Diana Bentley
21	Louise Moser, Lena Gillon, Mike Fisher, Jr., Emily Clamser
22	Tammy Kilby, David Hamilton
23	Howard Bentley
24	Charley Storey
25	Geri Swanson, Sanford Brown
29	Aubrey Whitcomb
30	Lucas Hesley, Terry Kiser



Homebound Members

Caremoor

- Aileen Triage
- Bettie Overcash

Spring Arbor of Albemarle

- Mary Dorton

Concord First Assembly Living

- Dianne Marlin

At their home

- Earline Snipes, Mabel Brown, Jean Davis, Louise Propst

Prayer Page-Have someone in need of some prayer?
Add them to our prayer page!

Military:, Andrew Smith (Arizona), Chris Kirchner (Utah), Ben Kirchner (Georgia), Preston Mays (MD) Chris Overcash (NC), Christopher Bame (California), Mike Peterson (Virginia), Keith Lee (NC)

Kimball members: Mabel Brown, Brenda Brown, Jean Davis, Mary Dorton, Todd Haley, Jim & Susan Harris, Judi & Bob Hill, Donna & Jerry Lambert, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Marty Payne, Jim & Paulette Peeler, Peggy Pergola, Louise Propst, Cliff, Kathy & Devon Scott, Betty Shaver, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Mary Jo Snipes, Gaye St. John

August Worship Assistants

LECTORS

8:30am

6 Shane Little
13 Laura Abernathy
20 Mike Abernathy
27 Frankie Bogutsky

11:00am

6 Bob Boynton
13 Sally Peterson
20 Heidi Lee
27 Ben Hesley

Healing Prayer Ministers

8:30 am Alex Storey

11:00 am Joyce Mallernee

Greeters

8:30 am Paula Brandle

11:00 am Alice Lloyd

ACOLYTES

8:30am

6 Charley Storey
13 Ellis Wiethorn
20 Palmer & Asa Russell
27 Riley Dodson

11:00am

6 Austin Rigsby
13 Luna Hardister
20 Rory & Lucas Hesley
27 Connor & Gabriel Keith

PROJECTION (Video)

8:30am

6 Debbie Troutman
13 Andy Robinson
20 Howard Bentley
27 Nathan Carpenter

11:00am

6 Abby Carpenter
13 Tiffany Winn
20 Nathan Carpenter
27 Milton Matheny

SOUND (Audio)

8:30am

6 Abby Carpenter
13 Patrick Little
20 Tim Patterson
27 Eric Storey

11:00am

6 Nathan Carpenter
13 Bo Phongsas
20 Keith Lee
27 Gavin Carpenter

Worship Assistants

8:30am

6 Sarah Harmon
13 Cooper Hinson
20 Sabrina Bennet
27 David Sloan

11:00am

6 Kim Kane
13 Joe Tallent
20 Liz Wise
27 Jerrod Smith

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 Todd Haley & David Sloan

11:00 Heidi Lee & Kim Kane

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 Debbie & Jessica Troutman

11:00 John & Anne Futterer

MONTHLY TELLERS

9:00 am each Monday
Donna & David Taylor



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Mix at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!

Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

- Shape that symbolizes love
31 15 7 18 5
- Part of a stove used for baking
12 3 24 39
- Color made by red and yellow
28 42 7 8 27 37
- A present
1 32 20 11
- Clothing a girl wears
19 22 43 44 33
- Something you open to go into a room
40 29 17 47
- Opposite of soft (sound)
34 17 41 30
- To take a long walk
14 2 9 38
- A high body temperature
45 50 49 48 42
- Items used to build or fix things
13 35 21 16 26
- Edge of the sea
10 23 46 51 4
- Home for a bee
6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2023		1 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Luther Road Day Camp @ Kimball	2 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Luther Road Day Camp @ Kimball 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble	3 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Luther Road Day Camp @ Kimball 11:00 AM Executive Council meeting 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	4 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Luther Road Day Camp @ Kimball	5
6 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	7	8	9 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble	10 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	11	12
13 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation Summer Sunday School 9:45 AM Adult SS	14 6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting-Library	15 10:30 AM Coltrane L. I.F.E. Center Bingo	16 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble	17 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Council Meeting	18	19
20 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	21	22	23 3:00 -6:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care Cat Clinic only-KAC 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble	24	25 Noon-5:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care- KAC	26 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC
27 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 4:00-5:30 PM Preschool Open House	28 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Preschool Open House	29 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Book Club at Kimball	30	31		



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Kimball Memorial Lutheran Preschool

We are super excited to have our Preschool opening in the Fall. Our first day is September 5th - our teaching staff returns on August 16th. We will have our "needs" board up by the sanctuary in the next couple weeks and need your help to stock our supplies.

We have 2 dates for Open House:

- ***Sunday, August 27th 4:00 pm-5:30pm***
- ***Monday, August 28th 10:30am-12:00pm***

We are so excited to welcome new families and students for our Preschool and we hope you will join us in prayer and love for our Families and our Staff as they embark on a new school year!!



Joy

J. O. Y. Group will resume in September

After a busy summer our J. O. Y. Group will resume meeting in September. We will be publishing information on a Fall Retreat and hope you will join us, look for that information to come out in mid-August!

Kingdom Kids and 3-5th Grade Faith Formation Join us Sunday August 13th from 10-10:45am for Kingdom Kids Faith Formation!

